

(iv) responsive to step (iii), panning the content displayed on the display screen.

**34.** The method of claim 33, wherein in step (iii), the second touch-sensitive input area comprises a touchpad.

**35.** The method of claim 33, wherein, in step (iii), the second touch-sensitive input area comprises a first linear touch-sensitive input device for receiving horizontal input and a second linear touch-sensitive input device for receiving vertical input.

**36.** The method of claim 28, further comprising the third (iii) step of detecting a display screen location identified by the display element.

**37.** The method of claim 36, wherein step (iii) comprises detecting display screen coordinates.

**38.** The method of claim 36, further comprising the step of receiving input comprising data associated with the corresponding content displayed at the detected display screen location.

**39.** The method of claim 36, further comprising the steps of:

- (iv) highlighting the corresponding content;
- (v) detecting second movement over the first touch-sensitive input area; and
- (vi) responsive to step (v), receiving second input comprising data associated with the corresponding content.

**40.** A portable electronic device, comprising:

- a casing;
- a speaker housed within the casing;
- a planar input device covering a first face of the casing, wherein the planar input device comprises at least one hole through which sound emitted from the speaker passes.

**41.** The portable device of claim 40, further comprising a display screen covering a second face of the casing.

**42.** The portable device of claim 41, wherein the first face comprises a back of the casing and the second face comprises a front of the casing.

**43.** A portable electronic device, comprising:

- a display screen on a front face of the portable device,
- a first touch-sensitive linear input device affixed along a first side of the display screen on the front face of the portable device;
- a second touch-sensitive linear input device affixed along a second side of the display screen on the front face of the portable device;
- a third touch-sensitive linear input device affixed along a third side of the display screen on the front face of the portable device;
- a planar touch-sensitive input device on a back face of the portable device, said planar input device covering substantially the same amount of space as the display screen on the front face of the portable device;
- a speaker from which the output is directed through at least one hole in the planar input device;

control logic for manipulating content displayed on the display screen responsive to user input via the first, second, third, and planar input devices,

wherein the control logic causes the portable device to identify a horizontal position on the display screen responsive to input received through the first linear input device;

wherein the control logic causes the portable device to identify a vertical position on the display screen responsive to input received through the second linear input device;

wherein the control logic causes the portable device to zoom in and out of an image displayed on the display screen responsive to input received through the third linear input device; and

wherein the control logic causes the portable device to horizontally and vertically scroll the image responsive to input received through the planar input device.

**44.** A method for operating a portable device, comprising steps of:

- (i) altering a size of content displayed on a display screen responsive to input received through a first linear input device;
- (ii) identifying a horizontal position on the display screen responsive to input received through a second linear input device;
- (iii) identifying a vertical position on the display screen responsive to input received through a third linear input device; and
- (iv) panning content on the display screen responsive to input received through a planar input device.

**45.** A computer readable medium storing computer readable instructions for performing a method for selecting items on a display screen, comprising steps of:

- (i) detecting movement over a first touch-sensitive input sensor area other than an area through which the display screen is visible; and
- (ii) responsive to step (i), moving a display element over corresponding content displayed on the display screen.

**46.** The computer readable medium of claim 45, wherein in step (ii) the display element comprises crosshairs.

**47.** The computer readable medium of claim 45, wherein in step (i) the first touch-sensitive input area comprises a first linear input device for receiving horizontal input and a second linear input device for receiving vertical input.

**48.** The computer readable medium of claim 45, wherein in step (i), the first touch-sensitive input area comprises a touchpad.

**49.** The computer readable medium of claim 45, wherein the computer readable instructions further comprise steps of:

- (iii) detecting movement over a second touch-sensitive input area other than an area through which the display screen is visible; and
- (iv) responsive to step (iii), altering a size of an image displayed on the display screen.

**50.** The computer readable medium of claim 45, wherein the computer readable instructions further comprise steps of:

- (iii) detecting movement over a second touch-sensitive input area other than an area through which the display screen is visible; and